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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Jim Taflan <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2016 5:54 AM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Proposed rule 8.4

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Please read the following article as it expresses my disapproval of an unnecessary and all too intrusive rule.

<http://montanafamily.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Pitfalls-of-Rule-8-4g-2016-10-12-1.pdf>

Thank you for your consideration
V/R
Jim Taflan

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Taflan
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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of
Amanda Miller <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2016 5:24 AM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Re: rule change 8.4(g)

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

To the Montana Supreme Court,
I have been made aware that the Supreme Court is considering a rule that would be a violation of our freedom of religion, speech making it possible to disbar a lawyer for expressing their opinion based on their belief in the Bible. This is a direct violation of our constitutional rights. Political correctness waivers with every bump in the road and should not be used to take rights away from those that believe God's word is truth and always has been. Our constitution and laws were based on many of the ten commandments which have weathered the test of time. Please be very cautious in following the whims of the few who want to tear apart our constitutional rights of freedom of religion, speech and of the press.

At the very least lawyers should not be disbarred for holding the view.

Thank you

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Helen Bode <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2016 12:53 AM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Oppose the Proposed Rule 8.4

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Since we live in America, we have a Constitution that grants us free speech rights, as well as freedom of religion in the First Amendment.

All views and beliefs held by individuals in their personal lives or legal professions, are to be allowed, especially Christian beliefs. There is no lawful reason to make the 8.4 rule change, and in fact, is a violation of the freedoms we enjoy as citizens in America. Lawyers should not be disbarred for holding a belief that is different from someone else's belief just because it is different.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Sue Riley <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2016 12:23 AM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: I oppose proposed rule change 8.4(g)

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Sue Riley
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Kathleen Rakela <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:53 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: No on Rule 8.4 language change

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Section 4 of the Montana Constitution states: INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. The dignity of the human being is inviolable. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws. Neither the state nor any person, firm, corporation, or institution shall discriminate against any person in the exercise of his civil or political rights on account of race, color, sex, culture, social origin or condition, or political or religious ideas.

The language in the proposed Rule 8.4 change could infringe on the rights of lawyers whose "religious ideas" guaranteed in the Montana Constitution Section 4 may be contrary to the this new language.

Thus you would be denying some lawyers the equal protection to practice law because of their religious ideas.

Also it would open a whole can of arms with clients claiming discrimination because a lawyers political or religious ideas are different form theirs.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of
Caroline Nissley <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:31 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Please reject proposed rule change 8.4

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Please reject this rule change. This rule would be a violation of the free exercise of religion. And it's also a violation of a person's freedom of speech. Even if you don't agree with a person's belief.....that shouldn't take away their freedom to express it.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Sonya Quackenbush <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: 8.4 (g) Rule

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

How could you possibly consider such a rule? Censoring the opinions/convictions of fellow attorneys by DISBARRING them should they speak out on sexual orientation - LGBT issues? Suppose a person needs an attorney to represent them in a case where they, the client, have a grievance against a group or person in the LGBT community? How is that citizen supposed to find ANY attorney to represent them in Montana, if the rule is passed? This is an underhanded way to silence ANY Montana citizen who does not support the LGBT agenda. DO NOT PASS THIS RULE - IT VIOLATES THE FREE EXERCISE OF THOUGHT, SPEECH, RELIGION.

Thank you,

Sonya Quackenbush
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Joanne Obergfell <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:01 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Marriage

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I believe what the Word of God says. Marriage is between a man and a woman.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Don
McBurney <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:31 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: 8.4(g)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I'm tired of judicial bias: taking away the exercise of free speech in areas having to do with the sinfulness of homosexual practice while simultaneously allowing burning of our nation's flag. Marriage is ordained to be between a man and a woman. Believing that and saying that should not result in a penalty of any sort. Please do not even consider implementing or giving your blessing to this proposal.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:31 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Rule 8.4

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Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Honorable Justices,

I urge you to uphold freedom of speech and freedom of religion by striking down the proposed rule change 8.4. Every individual is free to hold their religious beliefs and the particular profession they are in has no right to dictate otherwise.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lillian McBride
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Caleb Mills <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Respecting the unalienable rights of all

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

As bold as I may be to preach to the choir I reiterate what our Founding Fathers have laid down as the foundation of our great country, and that is our unalienable right to exercise one's religion without infringement and persecution from any entity whether federal, state, or local municipality. To violate one's religious freedom would be to violate the lawful separation of the church and state. The state is not held accountable to the church and so the church is not held accountable to the state as it practices its own interpretation of the Word. From a strictly legalistic point of view to hold the church accountable to another entity's (pro homosexual marriage) interpretation of marriage would be to undermine a defining characteristic of said religion and therefore a serious infringement upon said religion. To enforce said infringement would be outright persecution and an unfortunate case of reverse discrimination. This is not what our Founding Fathers had in mind. This governmental overreach and authoritarian push of society's general acceptance of gay marriage onto a minority's acceptance of marriage as defined Biblically would be religious persecution akin to that seen in communist countries. What makes our democracy great and lends itself to posterity is that the voice of the minority is not only heard but taken into account, and treated with the same regard as the voice of the majority. Please consider this with a clear paradigm because no matter what side anyone is on we are all given the same protected and unalienable rights by our Creator.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Jeanne Montoya <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 10:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Rule 8.4(g)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I am asking you to opposed the rule change 8.4(g). Thank you.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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Anderson, Diane

From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Laura Smith <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:53 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Freedom should be for all, not just some

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Understanding that the main point of the rule is to protect those who have different viewpoints on many issues, the proposed rule 8.4(g) is rather removing freedoms from others, not allowing them to: 1.) verbally express their opinions just like everyone else has the ability to, and 2.) limits them from defending freedoms and beliefs of others without potentially losing their occupations.

Freedom of speech should be for all - honor, respect, and caring for humankind at the forefront of that freedom of speech. The government could make rule after rule to protect some, but it will end up giving the "some" extra freedoms that they can use against others, who will have no means to fight back with, as their freedoms have been removed by the rules. Please consider the long term effects of this rule.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Juanita Lux <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Proposed Ruling on One Man, One Woman issue

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the opportunity to give you my opinion. It takes a man and a woman to make a new human baby. It seems as if the count favors a homosexual union over a traditional union and does not want to honor the traditional mother and father roles by making this ruling against one man, one woman. I urge you to rethink this decision as an appropriate model for future family court rulings. It makes me think the supreme court has taken on the morals of someone like Miley Cyrus.

Thank you!

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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Anderson, Diane

From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Zac Zech <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: I oppose the proposed Rule 8.4 change

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Please stop this attempt to violate the First Amendment rights of Americans.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Tawnya Taylor <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 9:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Opposed to rule change 8.4(g)

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear Justices,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g). My biggest concern is that this rule is a violation of the freedom of speech and of the press. Even if a lawyer doesn't agree with a belief, they should not be disbarred for holding it. Lastly, this rule is a violation of the free exercise of religion.

I hope you'll reject this rule change

Sincerely,
Tawnya Taylor
5227 Mill Stone Cir.
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I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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Anderson, Diane

From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Fred Sayre <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 8:53 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Attack on personal freedoms

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I am urging you to stand for the individual American's freedoms. Slowly I am seeing what was once taken for granted being eroded away. This rule change is another example of this. We must get back to the Biblical basis on which our country was founded. When something so glaringly opposite to what The Creator says is proposed as law it must be stopped. The choices and decisions you make now are not just temporal, but eternal. Thank You, Fred L. Sayre 2895 St. Michael Dr.
Missoula, Mt. 59803 fcsayre@msn.com

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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Anderson, Diane

From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Ethel Stark <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 8:31 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: 8.4(g) rule change

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I am very much opposed to such a rule as it would surely hurt and harm many lawyers and put them at a distinct disadvantage when speaking to would be clients.

This is totally against free speech, free exercise of religion. Why should a lawyer be disbarred, after spending years and money on education, for expressing an opinion or belief? This could possibly happen in a communist country but certainly not in America.

If you adopt this rule against lawyers now, what profession will be next? Please do not pass this proposed rule change.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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Anderson, Diane

From: Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Anita calbert <communications@montanafamily.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 8:23 PM
To: Court, SCclerk
Subject: Remember the 1st Ammendment

Dec 7, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith
P.O. Box 203003
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

The 1st Ammendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees everyone the freedom of speech and freedom of religion. This proposed rule change is unconstitutional for those reasons alone. I also feel this is a further attack on those who hold traditional family morals and beliefs.

We need to stop terrorizing people of faith. This is also a case of flat out discrimination against those who believe in what the Bible says. Enough is enough already. This country has gone so far off track from its founding principles. I implore you do not allow any further destruction of the 1st Ammendment by approving the proposed rule change 8.4.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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